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Besides his scholarly work, Dr. Welnak is the director of the *Institute for the Study of Democracy and Liberalism*. The Institute's mission is to promote a non-ideological inquiry into both ancient and modern forms of democracy and liberalism. It hosts events on and off the LIU Post campus, involving students, faculty, staff and the greater Brookville community.
"The Outlandish, Wonderful, Perplexing Philosophy of Aristotle," *World Congress "Aristotle 2400 Years."* Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: International Centre for Aristotle Studies.

"Shakespeare and Political Philosophy," *Shakespeare Forever: Commemorating the 400th Anniversary of Shakespeare's Death*, Long

Island University and Partners.

"Plato: The Allegory of the Cave," Port Washington Library.

"Strauss: What is Liberal Education?" Port Washington Library.

"The Outlandish, Wonderful, Perplexing Philosophy of Aristotle," *International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy.*

"The Tenor of *Glaube* in Kant," *Southern Political Science Association.*

"Alfarabi's Reestablishment of Philosophy in the *Philosophy of Aristotle*," *Aristotle and the Peripatetic Tradition.*

"The Discoverer of Being: Law or Philosophy?" Revue académique *Les cahiers de l'Islam.*

"Platonic Education and the Idols of the City," *Southern Political Science Association.*

"Platonic Education and the Idols of the City." University of New Orleans' *Toqueville Project.*

"Alfarabi's Allegory of the Cave," Midwest Political Science Association.

"The Master of Those Who Know," Southern Political Science Association.

"Homeric Rhetoric in Plato's *Charmides*," Midwest Political Science Association.

"The Dialectical and Rhetorical Ways in Alfarabi's *Book of Religion*," Midwest Political Science Association.

"The Epistemic Tenor of *Glaube* in Kant," American Philosophical Association.

"The First Great Democratization of Information: The Perils of the Written (and Lectured) Word," *Scholar-to-Scholar Symposium.*

"Aristotle's Sea-Battle," University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"Jonathan Edwards: Freedom of the Will," University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Honors/Awards

David Newton Award for Excellence in Teaching
Honorary member of *Phi Eta Sigma*

Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship

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Murphy Institute, Center for Ethics and Public Affairs Fellowship

Professional Affiliations

- American Philosophical Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association
- Society for the History of Political Philosophy
- Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy
- Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy